

SMA Chandler meets with Schofield Soldiers, families

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — It was standing room only for almost 1,500 Soldiers and family members who came to hear what the Army’s senior noncommissioned officer, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler III, had to say during a town hall meeting at Sgt. Smith Theater, here, Tuesday.

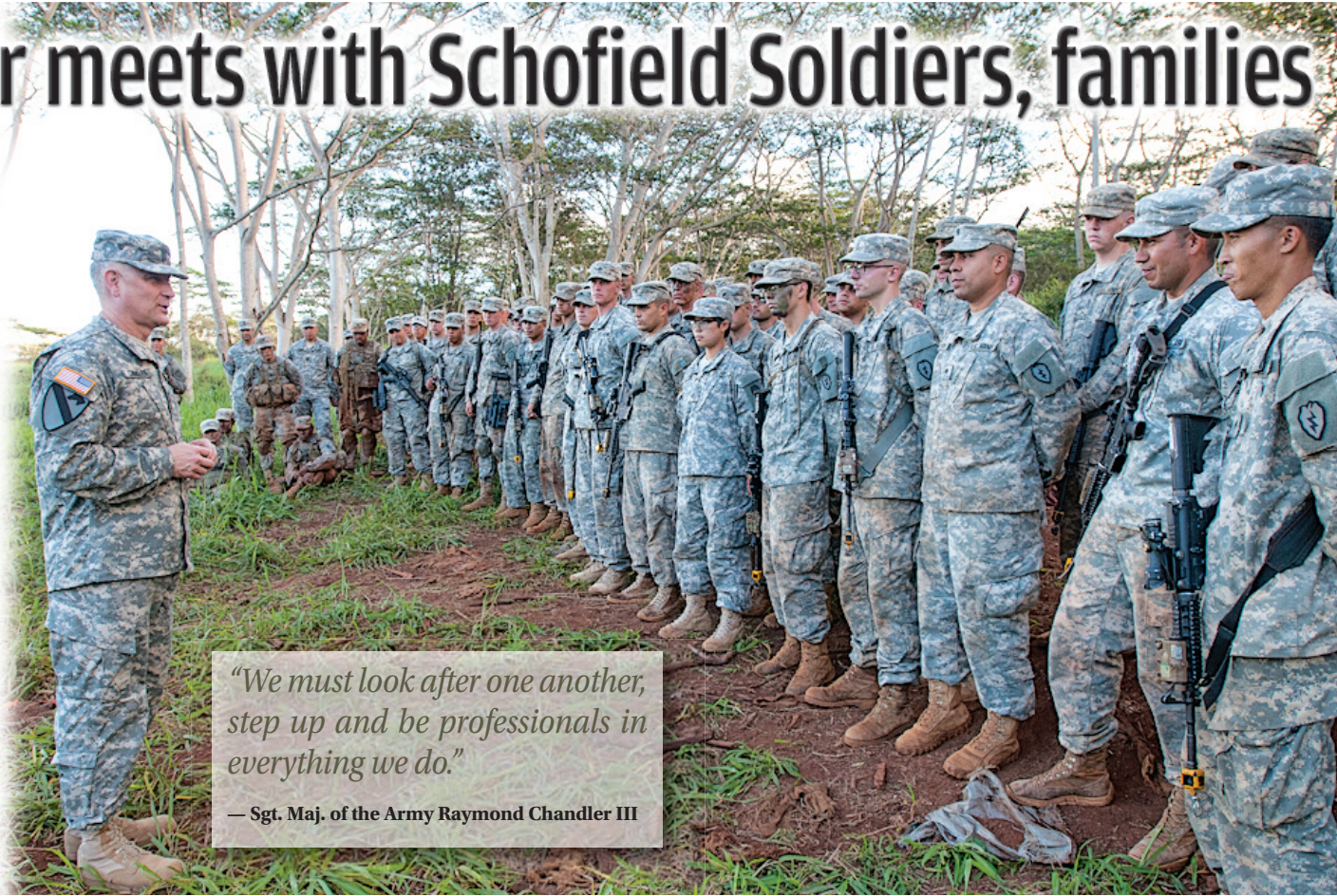
The town hall was part of a three-day visit to Hawaii, Chandler’s second trip here since assuming the position as the senior enlisted adviser for the Army where, among his responsibilities, he advises the Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond Odierno on all enlisted matters, mainly areas dealing with training and quality of life for Soldiers.

Upon his arrival, here, Maj. Gen. Kurt Fuller and Command Sgt. Maj. Benjamin Jones, the leadership team of the 25th Infantry Division, greeted Chandler for a discussion about the strategic challenges of the Army and how they impact the Tropic Lighting community.

Afterward, Chandler headed to the “Bronco Inn,” the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th ID’s dining facility, for lunch and a more tactical discussion with junior NCOs.

Later, at the town hall meeting, Soldiers, family members and Department of Army civilians were able to ask questions and discuss issues that concern the Army and Schofield Barracks community.

His discussion began with a focus on professionalism in the Army, including the importance of character, commitment and competence. Chandler said that these values must guide Soldiers of all ranks when they encounter chal-



Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler III (left) talks with Soldiers assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd BCT, 25th ID, during a portion of his three-day visit to Schofield Barracks, earlier this week.

lenges, such as sexual assault, hazing and suicide. “I expect NCOs and all leaders to stop talking and start doing something about sexual assault,” he said. “We can solve this problem by getting out there and doing our part. We must look after one another, step up and be professionals in every-

thing we do.” To help everyone understand the problem, Chandler asked the audience if they had ever had something stolen from their barracks room. Many Soldiers said “yes,” and that the incident made them mad and left them with a lack of trust in their fellow Soldiers and their leadership. “When someone steals something from your room, it’s tangible, it can be replaced,” he said. “But, with sexual assault, it can never be replaced. You can’t buy back someone’s dignity and respect.” He said a very small percentage of Soldiers

are committing these crimes, but everyone else must be engaged to help Soldiers in need or to identify problems in their ranks. “If we are not helping, we are part of the problem,” he said, adding that he is confident that if NCOs get behind this challenge, he knows the Army will solve it. During a question-and-answer session at the end of the town hall, Soldiers and family members focused on the effects of the drawdown of



Chandler (standing) addresses professionalism in the Army, the drawdown and other issues during a town hall meeting with Soldiers and family members at Sgt. Smith Theater.



Junior NCOs had the opportunity to sit down for lunch with Chandler (second from left) at the Bronco Inn during the SMA’s recent visit to Schofield.

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Leadership session highlights Vietnam era

8TH THEATER SUSTAINMENT COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FORT SHAFTER — Leaders from the 8th Theater Sustainment Command headquarters looked back in time, Tuesday, as they studied the logistical operations in Vietnam during a leader professional development session at the Hale Ikena, here.

The session focused on the challenges of supply and logistics in 1968 following the Tet offensive and at a time when America was at its height of involvement, with more than 500,000 Soldiers in Vietnam.

“During my research, almost everything was brand-new,” said Lt. Col. Dawn Romero, who led the working group that developed the professional development session. Although there is a lot of information available on Vietnam, Romero said that most of the data focused on combat, rather than logistics.

However, beneath the combat, Romero said that Vietnam was “a story of remarkable logistical achievements.”

“The war in Vietnam was asymmetrical and unlike anything we had trained for,” Romero said.

During Vietnam, sustainers faced substantial challenges in a country with jungles, marshlands and mountains; however, according to Romero, no major tactical operations failed, due to logistics.

The development session also highlighted logistics concepts that are still in use today, such as pre-positioned stocks, computer automation, “air bridges” of continuous re-supply by air instead of land or sea, and logistics-over-the-shore operations that move supplies from ocean-going ships to troops ashore.

“There are many lessons learned that we



Maj. Gen. Stephen Lyons (left), commander, 8th TSC, shakes the hands of four Vietnam veterans during a professional development class at the Hale Ikena, Tuesday. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Mary Ferguson, 8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs)

can pull from this time period, and many parallels that we can draw to 8th TSC missions,” Romero said.

Enemy logistics methods were also presented; in fact, the North Vietnamese army even designated a supply group based on Chinese military structure.

Maj. Gen. Steve Lyons, commander, 8th TSC, spoke to the group after the presentation, noting there were “a lot of lessons that we can take away.”

He pointed out to the group that sustaining

forces to operate in non-contiguous terrain and littoral environments is still a challenge the Army faces today.

For many attendees, the highlight of the event was getting a chance to speak with four Vietnam veterans who manned a display with Vietnam-era weapons, uniforms, rations and other gear.

Lyons recognized the Vietnam veterans by presenting them with coins in appreciation for not just their attendance, but their service to the nation, as well.

SMA reflects on Veterans Day

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FORT SHAFTER — As the nation prepares for Veterans Day (Nov. 11), Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler III reflected on the service and sacrifice of America’s veterans.

During a visit to Soldiers in Hawaii, earlier this week, he spoke about the importance of honoring those who have worn the uniform.

“Hundreds of thousands of Americans have given their lives to provide stability and meet the national objectives of the United States of America, and we should never forget and never be in a position where we don’t honor their service and sacrifice,” he said.

Veterans Day celebrates and honors America’s military service members for their patriotism, love of their country and willingness to serve the nation. The Army’s Soldier for Life program aims to do just that each and every day by creating the mindset of “Once a Soldier, Always a Soldier.”

Soldier for Life is an Army program established to focus on helping Soldiers remain strong by staying connected to the Army when they transition out of uniform and as they reintegrate into civilian society as leaders and role models in communities across the country. The program also helps veterans establish and form a lasting link to America’s Army.

“As Soldiers, we have a duty to look out for one another, to help one out,” Chandler said. “If we do that, then I think that our Army will be successful in the future.”

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Police Call

Driving without a valid license will incur risk

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8th Theater Sustainment Command

The Directorate of Emergency Services will apprehend individuals operating motor vehicles on an expired or suspended license and, in most instances, tow their vehicles.

Individuals must also attend a court date where they may face stiff penalties, including jail time.

Additionally, subjects may have their on-post driving privileges suspended, according to AR 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision and Policy Memorandum USAG-HI-16, Installation Traffic Code.

Please ensure your license stays current and that you are not operating a vehicle if your license is suspended.

Military service members and family members may receive a license extension from their state. Some states require additional paperwork and registration for the military license extension to be valid. Please check the exact terms and conditions for your state.

Individuals operating a personally owned motorcycle should also ensure they have a valid motorcycle

endorsement.

I encourage leaders to conduct regular checks of vehicle safety and registration, as well as driver's licenses, to ensure compliance with state laws.

The following are excerpts of Military Police blotter entries from the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii area of operations. Subjects are innocent until proven guilty.

Driving on an Expired Driver's License
•Oct. 15, a military spouse presented an expired Florida driver's license to an MP Soldier while attempting to pass through the Lyman Gate Visitor Control Center. A computer database check confirmed her license expired in early September. A police officer escorted her to the Schofield Barracks Police Station, where the police officer advised her of her legal rights, which she waived, stating she was unaware her license had expired.

The police officer issued her one DD Form 1805 for Driving on an Expired



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Driver's License and released her to her sponsor's unit.

•Oct. 3, MP Patrols on Schofield Barracks performed a traffic stop on a sedan, which had an expired safety. A computer database check of the driver's license revealed that it had been expired out of the state of Kentucky since January 2012. The driver (a service member) was apprehended and taken to the Schofield Barracks Police Station, where the police officer advised him of his legal rights, which he invoked.

The police officer issued him one DD Form 1805 for Driving on an Expired Driver's License and one DD Form 1408 for Expired Safety and ordered his vehicle towed.

The service member was released to his unit.

Driving While License Suspended
•Oct. 3, a sedan was stopped at Foote Gate for having an expired safety. A computer database check of the service member's driver's license revealed it had been suspended out of the state of Indiana following 15 convictions and 22 points on his record. The Soldier was apprehended and transported to the Schofield Barracks Police Station, where

a police officer advised him of his legal rights, which he invoked.

The police officer issued him one DD Form 1805 for Driving on an Expired Driver's License and one DD Form 1408 for Expired Safety and ordered his vehicle towed. The garrison commander suspended his on-post driving privileges for five years.

The Soldier was released to his unit.

•Sept. 27, as part of Random Antirrorism Measures, MP Patrols performed a traffic stop on a sedan attempting to enter Wheeler Army Airfield through Kunia Gate. A computer database check of the driver's license revealed it was suspended out of the state of Virginia for numerous traffic violations.

The police officer apprehended and transported the driver to the Schofield Barracks Police Station, where the MP advised him of his legal rights, which he waived to make a statement denying the offense.

The police officer issued him one DD Form 1805 for Driving on an Expired Driver's License and ordered his vehicle towed. The garrison commander suspended his on-post driving privileges for five years.

The Soldier was released to his unit.

Footsteps in FAITH

The value of kindness

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When was the last time you heard the word "compassion" used in the Army?

Balancing the priorities of being combat-ready with an appropriate "off duty" response can be challenging, but using kindness can be an effective "weapon" or tool to eliminate tension or diffuse a hostile situation.

The Army field manual on counterinsurgency, FM 3-24, speaks to the value of compassion. It is first mentioned in Chapter 5, paragraph 38: "Kindness and compassion can often be as important as killing and capturing insurgents."

Then, in Chapter 7, paragraph 8, it reads: "Genuine compassion and empathy for the populace provide an effective weapon against insurgents."

Few of us ever think of our problems or difficulties in terms of an insurgency fight, but the method of winning a battle or an argument



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against whomever we are facing can often come from a heart of compassion. It is during times when we are tempted to use anger that compassion may be a more effective tool.

We all encounter difficult people at various times and places, and at times, we may feel or think that our worst "enemies" are those we live or work with. But God can give us patience, if we seek to understand the other person.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul wrote:

"Never pay back evil for evil to anyone; Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men."

(Romans, Chapter 12, verses 17, 18)

We can refuse to return insult or injury, and instead, treat others with respect and kindness. We can even pray for others. Isn't that the way we want to be treated?

Let's not give up hope in building relationships that maintain peace and provide others with an example to follow.

MOH STAMPS



WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service will host a first-day-of-issue dedication ceremony at the National World War II Memorial, here, Nov. 11, to mark the issuance of a collection of World War II Medal of Honor Forever stamps that depict the Medals of Honor and include photographs of the nine remaining living recipients

Among those pictured on the stamp sheet is the late U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye (right, second from top) of Hawaii. Inouye, as well as two other veterans featured, passed away before the stamps could be issued but will still be included, as they remain among the last of a remarkable group whose courage and devotion is honored with this issuance.

More than 16 million Americans served in the Armed Forces during World War II. Of that number, 464 were singled out to receive the Medal of Honor; only nine are alive today. (Image courtesy the U.S. Postal Service)

BRIDGING THE BASICS

Commitment is key to a resilient Profession of Arms

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311th Sig. Command (Theater)

In recent years, the Army has changed significantly and continues to evolve into a smaller, more lethal force able to meet global contingency operations at any time.

One key to a smaller, more powerful, agile Army is the continued, more aggressive stewardship of our Army Profession of Arms campaign.

Military professionals are motivated through inspirational, intrinsic factors, like the life-long pursuit of expert knowledge, the privilege and honor of service, camaraderie and the status of membership in an ancient, honorable and

reversed occupation.

In this unique profession, we share a developed personal spirit, love and bond with fellow comrades, preserved by our ethos. We also share extreme levels of strength of character required to generate and sustain extra-ethical, virtuous behavior under conditions of high moral intensity.

All people in our Army, Soldiers and civilians alike, are trusted professionals, while our families are the glue that re-en-



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forces our strength. Upon oath, every volunteer, regardless of rank, position or component, becomes a servant of the state. They subordinate themselves to the will of the people while sacrificing their own will (and some of their rights as a citizen) to the true faith and allegiance they willingly bear to the constitution.

The Army is not a profession just because we say so; the military services are well respected and are highly rated in every poll of public trust. We are justifiably proud of how well our force continues to shoulder the heavy burdens borne in recent years, and our Soldiers and civilians will be expected to continue to do the heavy lifting as we forge our way through fis-

cal uncertainty.

No matter how well we withstand each crisis, we can't take our approval for granted. The American people will judge our character and the application of lethal power around the world.

We should never allow the phrase "Back to Basics" to become a catch phrase. Knowing the basics begins with an increased understanding of our Profession of Arms. To reaffirm the understanding of what it means to be a professional Soldier, we will recommit to building the culture, reject shortcuts and focus on fundamentals.

Army Profession training must start from the most fundamental level, and trainers are qualified professionals who maintain standards

Voices of Ohana

Veterans Day is Nov. 11.

"What will you do this Veterans Day to honor those who have served?"

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"I'm taking my children to the USS Arizona Memorial so they may understand that many people have sacrificed their lives for our freedoms."

Lt. Col. Michael Fittante
Network mgmt. division, 311th SC(T)



"I'm headed to Pearl Harbor to visit the memorials."

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COE, USAG-HI open new barracks on Schofield

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Officials from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii and Absher Construction opened a new \$35.3 million barracks with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, here, Oct. 30.

The new Unaccompanied Enlisted Personnel Housing (UEPH) on Montague Street, here, will house Soldiers with the 25th Infantry Division’s Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion and 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team.

During the ceremony, Lt. Col. Thomas Asbery, commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Honolulu District, told guests that construction of the barracks “continues the Corps’ strong partnership and commitment to building quality facilities for the garrison and Soldiers returning from deployments.”

“Today, with this ribbon-cutting for this barracks, the Corps of Engineers continues our efforts to build the highest-quality facilities for our Soldiers — on time and under budget,” Asbery said. “Because of our strong commitment to schedule and partnership, the Corps and Absher are providing this facility one month ahead of schedule.”

The six-story facility will be home to Soldiers living in two-man suites that feature a shared kitchenette with a cook-top range and oven, microwave, a refrigerator and dining area, a shared bath, central air conditioning, cable TV and Internet service.

Project amenities also include central laundry facilities on each floor, activity rooms and boot wash stations at each ground-floor entry.

Supporting facilities include utilities, paving, walks, curbs, gutters, parking, fencing, storm drainage system, information systems, and site and road improvements.

Sustainability and protecting the environment were key components in the construction of the new barracks. Energy-saving elements like solar water heating, high-efficiency appliances, plumbing systems that reduce water consumption by 40 percent, and the use of energy-efficient Insulated Concrete Form (ICF) technology were used to construct this barracks, similar to those used in the construction of the New Barracks Complex on Lyman Road.

Other sustainability components — such as adobe building blocks that keep the facility’s interior cool — translate into real-dollar savings for the garrison and the Army well into the future.



Lt. Col. Thomas Asbery (left), commander, USACE-HD, and Robert Eastwood, director, DPW, USAG-HI, cut the ceremonial ribbon to mark the opening of the new UEPH facility, Oct. 30.

terior cool — translate into real-dollar savings for the garrison and the Army well into the future.

“These highly energy-efficient barracks provide Soldiers with modern accommodations, while also helping to reduce the post’s energy consumption and costs,” Asbery said.

The design-build construction contract for the 228-personnel barracks was awarded to Absher Construction Company in June 2011 for \$35.275 million to meet Department of the Army Whole Barracks Renewal standards.

This project is the second Absher has completed with the Corps of Engineers in Hawaii; the first was the New Barracks Complex on Lyman Road, here.

Currently, Absher is in the process of trying to attain a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification for this facility through the U.S. Green Building Council, in lieu of the normal LEED Silver standard.

LEED is a voluntary, consensus-based, market-driven program that provides third-party verification of green buildings. Building projects satisfy prerequisites and earn points to achieve different levels of certification. Gold certification is the second highest level.

Veterans Day events

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Veterans Day, the annual American holiday honoring military veterans, is observed on and leading up to the Nov. 11 anniversary of the end of World War I’s major hostilities. The following events are scheduled:

Today, Nov. 8

•**Veterans Stand-Down Event**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 8, Ke’ehi Lagoon Memorial Park—Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Hall. Catholic Charities Hawaii hosts a stand-down event to offer much-needed services to homeless veterans, including meals, clothing, medical exams, employment services and information on veteran benefits. Bus services will be provided. Call 527-4765 or 433-0355.

Saturday, Nov. 9

•**The Patriot Glow Star Run**, 7 p.m., Nov. 9, Kalaeloa (formerly Barbers Point). Dress up in costume and prepare for 3.1 miles of glowing fun, featuring multiple black-light zones, a glowing finish line tent and hundreds of runners decked out in red, white and blue glow gear. Also planned are on-course DJs and prizes for the best individual, group and patriotic costumes.

All proceeds will benefit the U.S. Vets Initiative in Kalaeloa. Late entries will be accepted race morning. Visit www.patriotrunhawaii.com.

Sunday, Nov. 10

•**Veterans Day Mass**, 11 a.m., Nov. 10, Saint John Apostle and Evangelist Catholic Church in Mililani. All services are invited to the multi-denominational Mass. The colors will be posted before the Mass, and patriotic music will be played.

•**Veterans Day Special**, Nov. 10-11, nationwide. Inns and bed and breakfasts across the U.S. and Canada have signed up to participate in the fifth annual B&Bs for Vets program. More than 300 U.S. bed and breakfasts and inns will participate. Visit www.bnbsforvets.org for participating inns in the U.S.

Monday, Nov. 11

•**Wahiawa Veterans Day Parade**, 10 a.m., Nov. 11, in Wahiawa. The Wahiawa Lions Club conducts its 67th annual Veterans

Day Parade, starting from Ka’ala Elementary School and proceeding up California Avenue to the district park. More than 80 units are expected, including the 25th Infantry Division Band, Leilehua and Kalani high school bands, Kanani Oliveira Hula Studio and more.

•**Oahu Veterans Council’s Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony**, 10 a.m., Nov. 11, 2177 Puowaina Drive, Honolulu. U.S. Army-Pacific Soldiers participate in the OVC’s annual ceremony to honor veterans, past and present, for their dedicated service to their country.

•**Mayor’s Veterans Day Ceremony**, 10 a.m., Nov. 11, the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

•**Governor’s Veterans Day Ceremony**, 1 p.m., Nov. 11, Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Kaneohe.

•**Kilauea Military Camp Veterans Day Ceremony**, 3 p.m., Nov. 11, Big Island. All active duty personnel, retirees and veterans are invited to attend the ceremony on the front lawn, followed by a Veterans Day buffet dinner, 4:30-8 p.m., at the Crater Rim Café. Lt. Col. Eric Shwedo, commander, Pohakuloa Training Area, will be this year’s keynote speaker, with guest speaker Senior Master Sgt. Makani Miller of the 291st Combat Command Squadron and other guests.

KMS also will be holding an open house, and attendees are invited to enjoy its facilities and services, including recreation, tours, lodging and more.

Park admission is free. Call (808) 967-8371.

•**Arizona Memorial Veterans Day Sunset Ceremony**, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Nov. 11. The USS Missouri Memorial Association salutes all veterans who selflessly defend our nation and freedom, with a special tribute to the living legacy of the Nisei Veterans of World War II. This event is free and open to the public, with advance registration; dress code is crisp aloha attire, summer whites or service equivalent. RSVP at <https://www.ussmissouri.org/veteransdaysvp> or 455-1600.

•**U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii Special Hours**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 11. The Fort DeRussy museum is regularly closed on Mondays but will be open on Veterans Day to honor and thank all who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.



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Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Johnson (front), senior enlisted adviser, 3rd BCT, 25th ID, salutes the brigade commander for the first time as the new brigade command sergeant major during a change of responsibility ceremony, Oct. 29.

3rd BCT welcomes new CSM in COR ceremony

Story and photo by
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Command Sgt. Maj. David Clark handed over his title of senior enlisted adviser of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division to Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Johnson during a change of responsibility ceremony at F Quad, here, Oct. 29.

“A standard bearer is the one who Soldiers look up to for an example,” said Col. Brian Eifler, commander, 3rd BCT. “Command Sgt. Maj. Clark is the enforcer of standards and, more importantly, he is a leader, a developer, and leaves behind a tremendous legacy modeling a standard for all of us to strive and meet.”

Clark thanked the Soldiers for all the positive things that the brigade has accomplished during his time as command sergeant major.

“To all our leaders in the Bronco Brigade, thank you for making it matter,” Clark said. “The

Soldiers standing here today are the true testament of our high standards and strong leadership.”

Living up to the legacy he is leaving behind, Clark challenged the brigade in his speech.

“Continue to get after it each and every day, living up to the officer, NCO (noncommissioned officer) and Soldier creed,” said Clark.

With a new command sergeant major taking over, Eifler made sure to confirm to the Soldiers that this is the guy for the job.

“Look no further than Command Sgt. Maj. Johnson; he has been found worthy of this awesome responsibility,” said Eifler. “He has stood the test, has tremendous experience and, most importantly, (has) proven leadership.”

In wrapping up the ceremony, Johnson let the Soldiers know this is where he wants to be.

“I have been looking forward to the opportunity of coming back here and lead since I left eight years ago,” said Johnson. “I am proud to be your new command sergeant major.”

STORYTIME WITH MRS. CHANDLER



FORT SHAFTER — Jeanne Chandler, wife of Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler III, reads the storybook "My Chincoteague Pony" to a class of second-grade students at Shafter Elementary School, here, Wednesday. (Photo by Byron Nagasako, School Liaison Office; Child, Youth and School Services; Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii)

SMA: Chandler talks safety, budget

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troops and budget cuts.

“Budget cuts and sequestration are out of the Army’s control,” Chandler said. “Our Army is guided by the decisions of our elected leaders, so we must prioritize the assets they give us on every level to develop an effective and professional Army.”

He noted that because of the budget cuts, the active Army will have only 490,000 Soldiers by the end of 2015.

“We are going to have fewer troops and less assets and equipment,” he said.

“The Army needs to be trained and ready to defend the nation,” Chandler noted, “and to do that, we can retain only those Soldiers who are exceeding the standards.”

After the town hall meeting, Chandler ended his visit to Hawaii with a tour of two training sites.

His first stop was to the Lightning Academy, where he received a briefing about the upcoming Jungle Operations Training Center and the current courses available, including the Adaptive Leader Course.

He finished his visit by observing a squad- and platoon-level live-fire demonstration with an assault on a simulated enemy objective within jungle terrain.

Chandler said he enjoys opportunities such as this to share information from Army leadership and get direct feedback from members of the Army team.

45th SB troops prep for worldwide H2O competition

Story and photo by
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45th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs
8th Theater Sust. Command

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM — “Drink water!” It’s a command so common in training that Soldiers hear it in their sleep.

In the hot climate of Hawaii, even the most basic field training exercises can’t happen without water.

And while it may be easy to forget water’s importance when compared to the full battle rattle and weapons Soldiers need, Soldiers can’t fight if they’re not alive.

For water purification specialists with 45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sust. Command, this basic survival source is anything but simple.

Troops from the brigade’s 6th Quartermaster Company demonstrated their commitment to providing their fellow Soldiers with the water that keeps the fight going by exercising the Lightweight Purification System (LWP) on Ford Island Naval Reservation, here, Oct. 24.

The LWP involves multiple pieces in a phased process that produces approximately 125 gallons of purified freshwater per hour and 75 gallons of saltwater per hour, which can support a platoon-sized element.

Soldiers must know each part of the LWP in detail, explain what it does and monitor multiple machines constantly to make adjustments and chemical additions.

“The water we produce with our systems is cleaner than bottled water,” said team member Staff Sgt. Okooti Aluu, 45th Sig. Bde.

“We got to test the equipment to make sure it’s running smoothly and practice for the upcoming competition,” added Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Zapata, the unit’s senior water treatment noncommissioned officer.

The competition Zapata mentioned is the Reverse Osmosis Purification Unit Rodeo, to take place in May 2014, at Fort Lee, Va.

During the annual competition, Army, National Guard and Marine Corps purification specialists from around the world are tested on their ability to make water drinkable through purification.

The competition also gives purification specialists a chance to meet their peers and establish ties throughout the water-treatment community, which heavily emphasizes teamwork and training.

Zapata said water purification specialists often deploy with small mobile units, like Special Forces, that don’t have ample water sources, and their duties can range from providing drinking



Sgt. Frances Ross, 45th Sig. Bde., 8th TSC, reviews the guidelines for water purification during a training exercise with the LWP on Ford Island Naval Reservation, Oct. 31.

water, to providing water sources for cooking, showering and laundry services.

They also provide clean water to civilians during natural disasters.

“It’s possible for us to be requested halfway across the world at a moment’s notice,” said Zapata, “so we must be prepared for missions like hurricanes, typhoons and drought relief, as well.”

2nd SBCT capabilities soar, thanks to new Raven system

Story and photo by
SGT. DANIEL JOHNSON
2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team
25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers with 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, trained with a Mobile Training Team from Huntsville, Ala., here, Monday, to recertify on the new Raven Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Gimbal Payload.

The new payload used in the Raven expands the capabilities of the system by introducing a consolidated camera package that includes 360-degree views with both day and night optics that can stream live video up to 10 kilometers away.

“The Raven is a highly agile unmanned aerial vehicle used for reconnaissance,” said Cpl. Michael Webster, a Raven expert with 2nd SBCT.

“It allows a Soldier to provide a bird’s-eye view of the battlefield at the company level,” Webster added.

“This is a non-MOS (Military Occupation Specialties)-specific system, the intent being that anyone can pick it up with minimal training and operate it in the field,” said Luis Garcia, a fielding and training lead with the mobile training team.

“The Raven package is also considerably cheaper to acquire and operate, requiring only a two-man team to function,” Garcia noted.

The new system will add extended capabilities as a company-level reconnaissance asset that will increase mission capability and safety for Soldiers on the ground.

“The Raven has a 10-kilometer range and can stay airborne for 60-90 minutes while providing real-time telemetry and video for the command



Sgt. Shawn Geddes, petroleum laboratory specialist, 225th BSB, 2nd SBCT, 25th ID, launches a Raven UAV during new equipment training at Area X, Oct. 31.

der on the ground,” said Garcia.

“This new payload offers a 360-degree view in both day and night vision,

payload swapped for that capability.”

These improvements only require minimal new training to be implemented within the unit, as the Soldiers already possess the skill set required to pilot the UAV.

“The training we’re giving to the Soldiers is upgrade training; all of these Soldiers are already certified on the Raven,” said Garcia. “Rather than a full 10-day class, we’re able to get them trained up in two days — one day of classroom work, and another day of practical work.”

The Raven provides invaluable tools to Soldiers and commanders on the battlefield, increasing safety and mission capabilities while remaining accessible and mobile.

“The Raven gives Soldiers the ability to look over the hill without ever exposing themselves to what could be on the other side,” said Garcia.

with multiple zoom levels on a single unit,” said Webster. “The older model had to be brought down and have its

Female Soldiers gain empowerment in R.A.D. course

Story and photos by
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Brigade Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Thirteen Soldiers from the 500th Military Intelligence Brigade attended a Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) Systems instructor course at the Installation Training Center, here, Oct. 21-26.

The Soldiers attended the instructor course as part of the brigade’s sexual assault prevention efforts to provide brigade members tools that can assist in minimizing assault and instill them with confidence.

“Empowerment: That’s the biggest thing I have gotten out of this class,” said Sgt. 1st Class Lorie Jansen, a Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) program victim advocate.

“Now, I can give them (victims) the tools so they can take care of themselves,” Jansen added.

Before the Soldiers’ could begin the instructor course, they

SHARP

The Army’s Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) program strives to prevent sexual harassment and sexual assaults, with the goal to eliminate sexual harassment and sexual assaults by creating a climate that respects the dignity of every member of the Army family.

- To learn more, visit:
- www.preventsexualassault.army.mil; and
 - www.army.mil/sharp/.

had to complete a basic physical defense certification program, which instructed participants on self-defense techniques that can be used by women of all ages and physical abilities.

After graduating the basic course, the Soldiers moved on to R.A.D. Replicating Adverse Dynamics. This simulation training covered topics such as how to organize productive drills, supervision and safety, which allows Soldiers to assist future students with any training obstacles.

“The only obstacle you will ever face is yourself,” said

Jansen. “You must make the decision that you are going to learn a skill and apply it.”

The R.A.D. System was founded in 1989 and has trained more than 900,000 women in self-defense and personal confidence.

Through the program’s free lifetime return and practice policies, Soldiers are able to continue to hone their newly acquired self-defense skills even if they move into a new community.

“Any community that’s educated on their options makes for a better commu-

nity,” said Larry Nadeau, director and founder of the R.A.D. Systems.

“The goal of the program is to develop instructors who are capable of facilitating the basic women’s defense program for their community,” Nadeau continued. “Having a educated community inhibits victimizations, to a certain degree.

In the near future, R.A.D. will become a tool that will add on to the Army’s SHARP program, which strives to empower Soldiers with confidence as well as information.

“There is an educational component to the course that focuses on situational awareness without victim blaming,” Jansen said. “In addition, the techniques that are taught are very basic and are designed for ages 8-80.”



Sgt. Brandielyn Smithe (left), signals intelligence analyst, Company A, 205th MI Battalion, 500th MI Bde., receives instruction on how to wear the R.A.D. System aggressor suit during a R.A.D. instructor course, Oct. 24.



Larry Nadeau, director and founder of R.A.D. Systems, instructs Soldiers from the 500th MI Bde. on the proper use of the R.A.D. System aggressor suit during a R.A.D. instructor course, Oct. 24.

Warrior Care Month focuses on building readiness

U.S. ARMY WARRIOR TRANSITION
COMMAND
News Release

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — This November, the Army honors wounded, ill and injured Soldiers and their families by commemorating Warrior Care Month.

This year’s theme is “Warrior Care — Building a Ready and Resilient Force.”

“Caring for wounded, ill or injured Soldiers and their families is a sacred obligation and an enduring mission,” said Brig. Gen. David Bishop, Assistant Surgeon General for Warrior Care, and commander, Warrior Transition Command (WTC).

“Each of these Soldiers contributes to the strength of our Army,” Bishop added, “and we’ve built a robust program that gives each one the dedicated time and place to heal and transition.”

Events will be held across the Army, this month, honoring these men and women and highlighting their experiences in Warrior Transition Units (WTUs), with a focus on their resilience and the contributions they make to the readiness of the force.

Since 2007, the Army Warrior Care and Transition Program (WCTP) has provided the best possible support to each Soldier and family throughout the recovery and transition process.

This scalable, comprehensive program supports a ready and resilient force through the following efforts:

- Twenty-nine WTUs and nine Community-Based WTUs (CBWTUs) currently serving more than 7,500 Soldiers.
- Personalized Comprehensive Transition



Plans (CTPs) for each WTU Soldier, with short- and long-term goals for each of six domains of life (physical, social, emotional, spiritual, family and career).

- A professional cadre spanning all aspects of medical and non-medical care.
- The Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2), which provides personal support to the most severely wounded, ill or injured Soldiers and their families, even into veteran status.
- Establishing adaptive sports and reconditioning programs at WTUs to enable Soldiers to build self-confidence and see how much they

can still accomplish.

- Developing a Career and Employment Readiness program that enables Soldiers to return to school, obtain civilian certifications or participate in internships to gain civilian work experience.
- Returning more than 26,000 Soldiers (47 percent of all WTU Soldiers) to duty.
- Supporting more than 56,000 Soldiers through WTUs in the last six years.

WTC is a major subordinate command under the U.S. Army Medical Command (MED-

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Assistant Surgeon General for Warrior Care, and commander, Warrior Transition Command

COM). Its mission is to develop, coordinate and integrate the WCTP for wounded, ill and injured Soldiers, veterans and their families.

Locally, the Warrior Transition Battalion, Tripler Army Medical Center, provides mission command, primary care and case management to recovering Soldiers so that they may make a timely return to the force or transition to civilian life.

Warrior Care Month events

The Army and other military services kicked off Warrior Care Month with social media events, last week.

Activities continue throughout the month, including the third annual Joint Service Sitting Volleyball Competition at the Pentagon Athletic Center in Washington, D.C., Nov. 21.

More information on events at Warrior Transition Units across the country is available at www.wtc.army.mil/.

CID cautions on using ‘myPay,’ ‘No Pay’ apps

U.S. ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COMMAND
News Release

QUANTICO, Va. — The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (CID) is warning the greater Army community about the potential dangers of using non-Department of Defense-sanctioned applications to access Defense Finance Accounting Services (DFAS) accounts.



On July 13, the free mobile application “myPay DFAS LES” was released on the Google Play Android App store. The app purportedly allows users the ability to control their individual military pay account after they enter their myPay login information. Google estimates that between 10,000-50,000 individuals have already downloaded and installed this app on their personal mobile device.

In addition to this app, there are several other third-party non-DOD-sanctioned mobile applications available for Android and iPhone devices designed around DFAS payment processes for DOD military and civilian personnel, retirees and annuitants, as well as other government agencies.

CID is cautioning that using non-DOD-sanctioned applications to access myPay accounts can potentially lead to one’s person-

al account information being compromised and, possibly, the theft of funds. Tips to help protect yourself are as follows:

- Before downloading, installing or using an application, take a moment to research and review the software developer. This helps in getting an idea about other apps the developer has previously published.
- Apps that imply to allow access to military or government sites should only be installed if they are official apps sponsored by the DOD or another U.S. government agency.
- Review the user ratings and reviews from previous and current customers as to the accuracy of the application’s claims.
- Inspect your device’s application permissions screen to see what other information and applications will be accessed by the app. Some apps may be able to access your phone and email contacts, call logs, Internet data, calendar data, data about the device’s location, the device’s unique ID and information about how you use the app itself. If you’re providing information when you’re using the device, someone may be collecting it.

Online support

For more information regarding cyber crime and staying safe online, visit the CID Lookout or the Computer Crimes Investigative Unit page at www.cid.army.mil.



Send announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to news@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

13 / Wednesday

Suicide Prevention — Dr. Michelle Linn-Gust will discuss understanding the language of suicide at 9:30 a.m., Nov. 13, at Schofield Barracks’ Sgt. Smith Theater, and at 9:30 a.m., Nov. 15, at Building 1554 auditorium on Fort Shafter Flats.

The discussion is open to all Soldiers and Army civilians. Call 438-4173 or visit <https://portal.usarpac.army.mil/staff/g1/USARPACSUICIDEPP/Pages/USARPACSUICIDEPP.aspx>.

15 / Friday

Road Reconstruction — Parking stalls on the south-bound side of Schofield Barracks’ Beaver Road will be closed until Nov. 15 for reconstruction.

18 / Monday

Reconstruction, continued — Beaver Road, between Trimble and McMahon roads, will be closed for reconstruc-

tion, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Nov. 18-26. Project schedule is subject to change, pending weather delays. Appropriate safety signs and barriers will be in place.

26 / Tuesday

USPS — Today is the first APO mailing deadline of the 2013 holiday season. To ensure timely delivery of holiday wishes by Dec. 25, send cards and packages to military APO/FPO/DPO addresses overseas no later than the following mailing dates:

- Nov. 12, standard;
- Nov. 26, space available;
- Dec. 3, parcel airlift;
- Dec. 3, priority and first-class letters addressed to ZIP codes beginning with 093;
- Dec. 10, priority and first-class letters; and
- Dec. 17, express (except ZIP codes beginning with 093).

Ongoing

Green to Gold — Officer-potential Soldiers who are interested in earning a degree are encouraged to apply. Check the Green to Gold website for complete benefits, eligibility requirements and the appropriate applications at www.goarmy.com/rotc/enlisted_soldiers.jsp.

CID — Are you interested in a career as a special agent with the Army Criminal Investigation Command? If so, call 655-1989/0541.

For more information and prerequisites, visit www.CID.army.mil.

ARSOF Recruiting — Attend unclassified briefings on the mission, make-up and requirements of the Army Special Operations Force (ARSOF) assessment and selection, and qualification courses.

Information pertaining to stationing and areas of operations for each ARSOF entity — Special Forces (SF), Civil Affairs (CA) or Military Information Support Operations (MISO) — will be provided.

The brief will identify qualified candidates to attend the assessment and selection course.

CA/MISO briefs are noon, Tuesdays; SF briefs are noon and 3:30 p.m., Wednesdays.

Call Special Operations Recruiting at 655-4397 or visit Building 690, Room 3G, Schofield Barracks.

Computer Literacy — Operation Life Transformed, a public charity, offers free scholarships for computer literacy courses to all active duty military, military spouses, war-wounded caregivers and transitioning veterans, included National Guard and Reserves.

For more details or to apply for a scholarship, visit <http://lifetransformed.org>.

For more information, visit www.MilitaryOneSource.com or call 800-342-9647.



Traffic Alerts report closed roads, limited routes and construction detours from Army and state advisories received by press time.

For the complete list of traffic advisories, visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/info/traffic/calendar.htm.

Unless otherwise noted, all phone numbers are 808 area code.

9 / Saturday

TAMC Road Closure — There may be a daily partial road closure, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., until the end of November, on Tripler’s Krukowski Road, near Buildings 102 and

104. One lane will be open for two-way traffic.

12 / Tuesday

AMR Closures — A lane closure will be implemented on Aliamanu Drive, near the hair-pin turn just south of Valley View Loop, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., until Nov. 14, and near Hibiscus Street, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Also, there will be a partial road closure along Aliamanu Drive/Bougainville Drive/Skyview Place/Rim Loop for

utility installation.

These areas will be restricted to temporary lane closure through Dec. 20. Short-duration (approximately 10 minutes per activity) closures of these areas will be required.

WAAF Power Outages — Wheeler Army Airfield will require two separate power outages after normal working hours, impacting Buildings 104, 105, 106, 112 680, 681, 682, 683 and 508. The first outage is

today; the second is Nov. 20.

21 / Thursday

Safe School Routes — The Hawaii Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed Chapter 19-109, Hawaii Administrative Rules, “Safe Routes to School Program Special Fund.” Safe routes to school (SRTS) is an international effort to increase safety and promote walking and bicycling to school.

The public hearing is scheduled for 9 a.m., Nov. 21, by video conference at the HDOT Highways Division district office, 727 Kakoi St., Honolulu.

Call 692-7696 to request a copy of the proposed rules, or visit <http://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/home/doing-business/hawaii-administrative-rules/>.

Persons with disabilities requiring special assistance should call 692-7696 at least 10 days before the hearing.



Approximately 35,000 runners from across the U.S. and around the world compete in the 29th annual Army Ten-Miler in Washington, D.C., recently. (Courtesy photo)

9th MSC Soldiers excel at annual Army Ten-Miler

LT. COL. MARK WOOMMAVOVAH
9th Mission Support Command

HONOLULU — A cannon blast rang out in the early morning hours as 35,000 runners stepped off to start the 10-mile trek through the streets of Washington, D.C., for the 29th annual Army Ten-Miler, recently.

Among those running were 33 Soldiers who traveled thousands of miles from Hawaii, Guam, Alaska and Korea to represent the 9th Mission Support Command.

We Are The Champions
Racing alongside other Soldiers, retirees, Department of Defense employees, veterans, civilians and Wounded Warriors, the 9th MSC Soldiers tirelessly dashed toward the finish line, ultimately bringing home multiple awards for their efforts.
The women’s team, made up of eight 9th MSC Soldiers, received first place in the Army Reserve women’s category, while the men’s team placed second for its Army Reserve category.
“I could not have been more proud of the Soldiers who placed in the race,” said Capt. David Goodman, 9th MSC team officer in charge and plans officer for the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment.
“To see the women standing on stage with their 9th MSC shirts was amazing, and the men passing around their plaque was just as



The 9th MSC’s Army Ten-Miler women’s team won first place for the Army Reserve women’s category at this year’s 29th annual race, when approximately 35,000 runners showed up to run the 10-mile trek through the streets of our nation’s capital. (Photo by Capt. Liana Kim, 9th Mission Support Command Public Affairs)

important to me,” Goodman said.

A Winning Tradition
This is not the first win for the 9th MSC teams. Since 2009, each of the 9th MSC teams have come out on top in their respective categories.
“What our runners love about the race is the team competition,” said Goodman. “Also, it is the premier event for esprit de corps for the Army, and our Soldiers get a unique experience, since many of them have

never been to the nation’s capital.”
The road to the Ten-Miler was not a short one. In order to participate in this year’s race, the Soldiers first had to compete against one another in timed trial events held in each of the 9th MSC’s locations throughout the Pacific, which include Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Saipan, American Samoa, Korea and Japan.
Nearly 85 Soldiers pushed themselves to the ultimate limits to earn one of the coveted spots to represent

the 9th MSC.
Among the lucky few was 1st Lt. Christina Sewell, policy plans officer for U.S. Army-Pacific’s Support Unit, who said it was a nice surprise when she found out she earned her place to compete.
“Overall, we were extremely proud to be able to represent the 9th MSC at an event that is so motivating to Soldiers, wounded warriors, retirees and families of the fallen across the world,” said Sewell.

Finding Inspiration
Although the Soldiers of the 9th MSC felt a tremendous amount of pride for their accomplishments, their motivation came from a particular team competing against them in the race.
“Seeing the Army’s Wounded Warriors participate in this race was a huge inspiration to everyone there,” said Sewell. “They have such a positive outlook on life and have clearly made it their mantra to never, ever quit.”
“It gives the everyday person immeasurable strength, seeing them fight through the pain, and in my opinion, their efforts are what make this race such a success,” added Sewell.
Since 1985, the Army Ten-Miler has grown to be one of the largest 10-mile races in the world, with runners from across the U.S. and around the world coming together to compete.
(Editor’s note: Sgt. Elizabeth Cole, 9th Mission Support Command Public Affairs, contributed to the writing of this story.)



Lt. Col. John McGowan, executive officer for the USARPAC Support Unit’s Joint Four (J-4) section, races toward the finish line at the 29th annual Army Ten-Miler. (Photo by Lt. Col. Mark Woommavovah, 9th Mission Support Command)



Wounded Warriors race alongside fellow Soldiers, civilians, retirees, veterans and family members to kick off the 29th annual Army Ten-Miler, one of the largest 10-mile races in the world. (Courtesy photo)



Briefs
10 / Sunday

NFL Sundays — SB Tropics Warrior Zone offers all the NFL games. Facility opens half-hour before the first game starts.

Tropics also will feature Monday night and Thursday night NFL games. Patrons 18 and older are welcome; call 655-5698.

Kolekole Sunday Football — Doors open 30 minutes before kick-off of first game. Breakfast tailgate buffet costs \$5 until noon; pupu and crowd-pleasers start at 11 a.m. Games and prizes are offered throughout the morning.

Are you SB Kolekole’s hardest working fan? Punch in every time you watch football at Kolekole, and get a chance to win a 32-inch TV at the Super Bowl party. The fan with the most clocked hours by Jan. 30, 2014, wins. Call 655-4466.

11 / Monday

Fort Shafter Bowl — A game of bowling will be \$1.50 every Monday and Wednesday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., and Thursday, 2-9 p.m., during November. Call 438-6733.

12 / Tuesday

Stained Glass Workshops — Learn the basics of foil assembly as you select, cut and solder glass into a charming island-theme sun catcher, 5-8 p.m., Tuesdays, through November. Workshop cost is \$70 and includes all supplies, except glass. Glass may be purchased in the SB Arts & Craft store. Call 655-4202.

Taco Tuesday Night — SB Kolekole Bar & Grill offers three tacos, rice and beans specials for \$4.99. Call 655-4466.

13 / Wednesday

Clay Hand Building Workshop — Learn to work with clay from the experts at the SB Arts & Crafts Center, 1-3 p.m., Wednesdays. Initial session is \$25; additional sessions are \$5. Call 655-4202 for registration.



Send announcements a week prior to publication to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

9 / Saturday

Leilehua Holiday Craft Fair — Leilehua High School holds a craft fair, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Nov. 9, with craft booths, food and baked goods, plants, entertainment and door prizes. Email lhsmules2014@yahoo.com.

ASYMCA Father/Daughter Dance — SB Nehe-lani hosts this annual event, 5-9 p.m., Nov. 9. Activities include face painting, buffet dinner, dancing, picture taking and balloon twisting. Cost is \$60 for father/daughter pair and \$20 for each additional daughter. Call ASYMCA at 624-5645 or visit ASYMCA at 1262 Santos Dumont Ave., Bldg. 122, WAAF.

10 / Sunday

Suicide Prevention Walk — The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention conducts Hawaii’s first Out of the Darkness Community Walk at Kaka’ako Waterfront Park. Visit www.afsp.org or call 772-2992.

11/ Monday

Veterans Day Train Rides — A round-trip ride from Ewa to Kahe Point leaves approximately at 9:30 a.m., Nov. 11, and lasts 90 minutes.

ARMY AT HAWAII NOV. 30



HONOLULU — The University of Hawaii Rainbow Warriors face off against the Army Black Knights at 6 p.m., Nov. 30, at Aloha Stadium, here. Active duty military, DOD civilians and retired military are eligible for 50 percent discount on select adult tickets (eight maximum) to all UH home sporting events.

A valid ID is required when purchasing tickets at event. Visit www.hawaiiathletics.com. (Photo by of Toshio Suzuki)

Dominoes tournament

Every Tuesday night in November at SB Tropics Warrior Zone; finals are Nov. 26. Sign up at 5:50 p.m.; play begins promptly at 6.

BOSS Meetings — Single Soldiers and geographic bachelors are invited to Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers conducts meetings for the Fort Shafter and Aliamanu area, 11 a.m., every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, FS Bowling Center, to discuss community service projects and fun upcoming programs.

Call Spc. Jennifer Coggins, BOSS president, 655-1130.

Keiki Night — Every Wednesday night is Keiki Night, 5-8 p.m., at SB Kolekole Bar & Grill (655-4466) and FS Mulligan’s Bar & Grill (438-1974). Kids younger than 10 years eat for a special price from the keiki menu.

Tropics Blackjack Tournament — Every Wednesday during November at SB Tropics Warrior Zone. Sign up at 5:30 p.m.; play begins at 6.

The free weekly tournament is open to all ID cardholders, ages 18 years and older. Call 655-5698.

14 / Thursday

Knitting Class — Learn the basics of knitting and complete “Grandma’s Favorite Dishcloth” as your first project at SB Arts & Crafts Center. First class costs \$25 (includes yarn and needles); additional classes are \$5 each. Call 655-4202 to register.

Leilehua Thursdays — Join Chef Devin Lee, 4:30-7:30 p.m., every Thursday at Leilehua’s driving range for hot dogs and burgers. Menu items are \$3-\$4. Call 655-7131.

15 / Friday

Aloha Friday Barbeque — Leilehua Grill offers a Friday barbecue lunch special, beginning at 11 a.m., until sold out. Menu items include smoked brisket ribs, pulled pork, barbecue chicken, pork chops, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad and corn bread. Items cost \$8-\$10. Call 655-7131.

Lei-Making Workshop — SB Arts & Crafts Center hosts the Hawaiian tradition of lei making every third Friday of the month, from 1-3 p.m. Call 655-4202 for pre-registration.

Wine & Blues Night — SB Nehe-

lani hosts an evening of music, light pupu and wine, 6 p.m., Nov. 15. This is an adult event. Call 655-4466.

18 / Monday

Schofield Bowl Special — Schofield Bowl offers “Monday Dollar Days,” with a \$1 game of bowling, shoes, nachos and hot dogs, 9 a.m.-10 p.m., Mondays, except holidays, through Dec. 30. Call 655-0573.

19 / Tuesday

FS Preschool Story Time — Take your toddlers to the library featuring a different theme and story each week at 10 a.m., every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Ongoing

Winter Golf Sale — Leilehua Golf Course Pro Shop’s annual winter sale will last until Dec. 31. All items 10-50 percent off. Call 655-4653.

Christmas Lights Trolley Tour — Leisure Travel Services is selling tickets for Honolulu City Christmas Light Trolley Tours, 6 p.m., Dec. 9 and 17. The 90-minute tour departs from FS; cost is \$13, with limited seating available. Call 655-9971.

foot exams and flu shots. Free parking, with shuttle service. Call 800-214-1306.

15 / Friday

Holiday Card Lane — Unit entry forms should be completed Nov. 15, and sponsoring unit/staff office/agency should purchase supplies to provide necessary labor, materials and funding for display. Both SB and FS host the holiday lane card competition for display, Nov. 25-Jan. 6, 2014.

Entry forms are located at the FMWR website, himwr.com, or call the FMWR Special Events office, 655-0113.

Awards for best presentations will be presented at the Holiday Tree Lighting ceremonies Dec. 3 (SB) and Dec. 5 (FS).

16 / Saturday

Sesame Street/USO Experience — Free performances, 2 and 5 p.m., Nov. 16, at Sgt Smith Theater, SB. Open seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open 30 minutes prior to showtime. Call 656-0111.

30 / Saturday

Hawaii vs. Army Football — College football kick-off is at 6 p.m., Nov. 30, at Aloha Stadium, featuring the University of Hawaii Warriors. Active duty military, DOD civilians and retired military eligible for 50 percent discount on select adult tickets (eight maximum) to all UH home sporting events.

Valid ID required when purchasing tickets at event. Visit www.hawaiiathletics.com.

Ongoing

New DOE Website — The Hawaii Department of Education’s new website has a section specifically for military families. Visit www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ParentsAndStudents/MilitaryFamilies/Pages/Home.aspx.

Veterinary Treatment Facility

— The SB Veterinary Treatment Facility is now seeing patients five days a week, with extended hours every third Wednesday of the month, until 7 p.m.

Book an appointment for the new Wellness Package for affordable preventative care or to obtain a mandatory airline health certificate within 10 days of travel out of Oahu. Call 655-5893 or 655-5889.

Free Study Programs — In alliance with the Department of Defense, eKnowledge is donating \$200 SAT and ACT training programs to military families worldwide. Students select the training they need. Call (951) 256-4076.

Food for Families — ASYMCA at WAAF has an emergency food locker to assist families. It’s open 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Call 624-5645.

Installation Waste Disposal — For proper disposal in residential areas, contact your local community center. Do not place any cardboard, wood, bulky waste, hazardous materials or green waste in or around dumpsters. Visit the IPC website at www.islandpalmcommunities.com/CurrentResidents.



Additional religious services, children’s programs, educational services and contact information can be found at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil. (Click on “Religious Support Office” under the “Directorates and Support Staff” menu.)

- AMR: Aliamanu Chapel
- FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
- HMR: Helemano Chapel
- MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
- SC: Soldiers’ Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
- WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Buddhist Services

- First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
- Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

Catholic Mass

- Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR
- Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF
- Sunday services:
 - 8:30 a.m. at AMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex
 - 11 a.m. at TAMC
- Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at MPC and 12 p.m.TAMC

Gospel Worship

- Sunday, noon. at MPC
- Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic Prayers and Study

- Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex
- Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC
- Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)

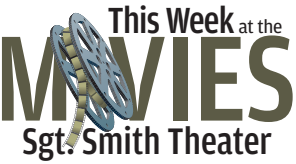
- Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH

Pagan (Wicca)

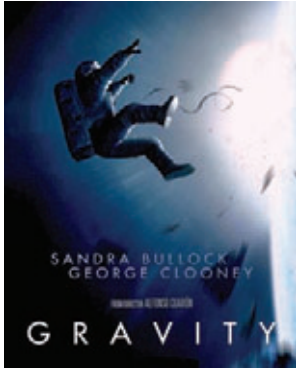
- Friday, 7 p.m. at MPC Annex Room 232

Protestant Worship

- Sunday Services
 - 8:45 a.m. at MPC
 - 9 a.m., at FD, TAMC chapel
 - 10 a.m. at HMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at AMR
 - 10:45 a.m. at WAAF (Spanish language)
 - 11 a.m. at SC (Contemporary)
- Liturgical (Lutheran/Anglican)**
- Sunday, 9 a.m. at WAAF



Call 624-2585 for movie listings or go to aafes.com under realtime movie listing.



Gravity

(PG-13)
Fri., Nov. 8, 7 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 9, 6 p.m.
Thur., Nov. 14, 7 p.m.



Battle of the Year

(PG-13)
Sat., Nov. 9, 2 p.m.

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2

(PG)
Sun., Nov. 10, 6 p.m.

No shows on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Calendar abbreviations

8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command
25th ID: 25th Infantry Division
ACS: Army Community Service
AFAP: Army Family Action Plan
AFTB: Army Family Team Building
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation

ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA
BCT: Brigade Combat Team
BSB: Brigade Support Battalion
Co.: Company
CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services
EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program
FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and

Recreation
FRG: Family Readiness Group
FS: Fort Shafter
HMR: Helemano Military Reservation
IPC: Island Palm Communities
PFC: Physical Fitness Center
SB: Schofield Barracks

SKIES: Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills
TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center
USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii
USARPAC: U.S. Army-Pacific
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield



Maj. Gen James Walton, commander, 311th SC(T), reads a book to a group of Fern Elementary School students during a Read Out Loud! initiative at the school, Friday. (Photo by Liana Kim, 311th Signal Command (Theater) Public Affairs)

Signal Soldiers ‘Read Out Loud!’

MAJ. AVON CORNELIUS,
311th Signal Command (Theater)
Public Affairs

HONOLULU — About a dozen Soldiers assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 311th Signal Command (Theater), paid their monthly visit to Fern Elementary School, here, Friday, to read books out loud to students.

“It’s a great partnership we have with the school,” said Maj. Gen. James Walton, commander, 311th SC(T), who en-

joyed his first experience reading to the students.

“It gives our Soldiers and families an appreciation of the community we are a part of and allows us to be an active, contributing part,” Walton added.

Read Out Loud!, the cooperative program between the unit and school, allows Soldiers to read to and interact with groups of students on the first Friday of each month throughout the school year.

The initiative has received accolades from teachers, as the interaction with

Soldiers has reportedly inspired improved behavior among the students.

“The joy and excitement on (the students’) faces when the Soldiers are engaged with them shows us that it means a lot that someone else cares about them,” said fourth-grade teacher Mark Atta of the program.

“It’s great to have the Soldiers come here and give them that extra support,” Atta noted.

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Army youth get sponsorship help

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICE
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Military-connected students move from different school systems about three times more often than other students, which presents many unique challenges.

These students have to cope with moving just prior to their senior year of high school, being the “new kid on the block” and just transitioning regularly from one location to another.

When children and teens face these challenges, it is important to assist them in finding others who have experienced similar situations and have had the same feelings.

“When I arrived (in Hawaii), it was pretty hard being a high-schooler, fitting in, finding new friends, which is usually how it goes, being a military kid,” said Randi Ferido.

“It was hard, much harder than any other PCS I’ve ever experienced, especially since I left behind my best friend at our last assignment,” Randi continued. “However, I do still keep in touch with all my friends, and I’m starting to get along (with students here) quite nicely.”

Randi currently attends Mililani High School, where she serves as a youth sponsor through the Army Youth Sponsorship Program (AYSP).

Part of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s Child, Youth and School Services, AYSF helps youth and parents through relocation, school and other life transitions by providing much-needed resources, programs and information so that they can be-

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Soldiers help Cub Scouts pledge to be ‘drug-free’

Story and photo by
KATHERINE COLLINS
Cub Scout Pack 176

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — Cub Scout Pack 176, in partnership with the Schofield Barracks Provost Marshall’s Office, celebrated Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 23-31, by participating in anti-drug discussions and activities, held both here and at school, to highlight the importance of being drug-free.

A highlight of the week occurred during the pack’s meeting at the Wheeler Chapel Fellowship Hall, here, Oct. 28. During the meeting, community police officers Spc. Thomas Loomer, Spc. Matthew Sherman and Pfc. Courtney Morrison conducted a D.A.R.E. anti-drug presentation, led Scouts in a pledge to be drug-free and held anti-drug activities with 30 Scouts and their siblings. McGruff the Crime Dog also attended the event, and the PMO supplied Keiki IDs.

“Red Ribbon Week gives us the opportunity to be vocal and visible in our efforts to achieve a drug-free community,” said Loomer. “Research shows that children are less likely to use alcohol and other drugs when parents and other role models are clear and consistent in their opposition to substance use and abuse.”

In 1985, Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena was killed by drug traffickers. Shortly after Camarena’s death, citizens from his hometown of Calexico, Calif., began wearing red ribbons to remember him and commemorate his sacrifice.



McGruff the Crime Dog (Spc. Thomas Loomer in costume) congratulates the Cub Scouts of Pack 176 for taking the pledge to be drug-free at a Red Ribbon Week celebration during the Scouts' pack meeting at Wheeler Chapel Fellowship Hall, Oct. 28.

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problems related to drugs facing our community, while encouraging parents, educators, business owners and other community organizations to promote drug-free lifestyles.
Today, the red ribbon symbolizes a continuing commitment to reducing the demand for illicit drugs in our communities.
“Red Ribbon Week encourages our entire community to adopt healthy, drug-free lifestyles,” said Morrison. “The campaign brings together parents, schools and businesses as we look for innovative ways to keep kids and communities drug-free.”



Students with military ties, such as Randi Ferido (left) and Madelyn Jones, utilize their schools' Army Youth Sponsorship Clubs for support with relocation, a parent being deployed and other life transitions. (Photo courtesy School Liaison Office; Child, Youth and School Services; Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii)

SLO: Transition help given

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come more familiar with their new home in Hawaii.

“My experience moving to Hawaii was hard, but it was also fun to come to a place where there’s various cultures, and being able to see all the cultures come together in a community was really cool,” said newcomer Madelyn Jones, who moved from Fort Drum, to Fort Hood, then to Hawaii all during her first three years of high school.

“Having someone like Randi who contacted me about school and offered her assistance was very helpful in knowing I had someone to ask and talk to,” Madelyn said.

Military-connected students have repeatedly indicated that they received the best support from other students as they transitioned, and AYSP realizes that our military students are our best resource.

Every month, military children and teens are relocating and transitioning into new schools. Thanks to Radford High School’s Malama I Na Haumana (Care for the Students) Program and Leilehua High School’s Aloha Ambassadors School Transition Support Program, these new students are being supported immediately as they enroll.

Last year, student facilitators assisted 450 new students transiting to Radford and 248 to Leilehua.

The main goals for AYSP and participating schools are to ease the transition challenges for new students and give them the best transitional experience possible.

Learn More

For more information about the Army Youth Sponsorship Program, visit www.himwr.com and click on “Youth Sponsorship,” under the “CYSS” tab.

For information on local transition centers, visit:

•Radford High School, <http://radford.k12.hi.us/files/transitioncenter/main.htm>; or

•Leilehua High School, <http://welcometoleilehuahs.weebly.com/>.

Read: HHC lends support

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The Soldiers of HHC have been partnering with Fern Elementary since 2011 for various events throughout the school year, such as the school’s annual Drug Free Jump Rope for the Heart field day to promote active, healthy lifestyles and introduce students to positive role models and professional opportunities.

“Your efforts help us reinforce a culture of reading, where every child knows how to and wants to read,” said school counselor Cedric Chu.

“This is a very different world form the one I grew up in,” Chu continued. “I actually see students bringing books to school to read for leisure, thanks to an emphasis on reading in our schools, the media, community agencies like Read Aloud Program, and support from our community members, such as the military.”

The unit’s Family Readiness Group has organized a Back to School donation drive for school supplies over the past two years, with the 2013 drive resulting in a truckload of donations that tripled the size of the 2012 drive.

“Your coming in to bring the donations really helps open up my students’ perspective of other people trying to help them succeed in their learning,” said Leanna Agcaoili, a fourth-grade teacher at Fern.

“It lets them know there are military families who care about a better future for our students,” Agcaoili added. “It really helps me, as a teacher, to help them succeed.”